

Introduced by Senator PriceFebruary 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 2883 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to telecommunications.

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SB 1375, as introduced, Price. Telephone corporations: residential telephone service: 911 calls.

Existing law requires all local telephone corporations, excluding providers of mobile telephony service and mobile satellite telephone service, to the extent permitted by existing technology or facilities, to provide every existing and newly installed residential telephone connection with access to "911" emergency service regardless of whether an account has been established.

This bill would instead require local telephone corporations to provide a connection that has the capacity to place a "911" call rather than providing access to "911" emergency service.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2883 of the Public Utilities Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 2883. (a) All local telephone corporations, excluding providers
- 4 of mobile telephony service and mobile satellite telephone service,
- 5 as defined in Section 224.4, ~~shall~~, to the extent permitted by
- 6 existing technology or facilities, *shall* provide every existing and
- 7 newly installed residential telephone connection with ~~access to~~

1 ~~“911” emergency service~~ *a connection that has the capacity to*
2 *place a “911” call* regardless of whether an account has been
3 established.

4 (b) The commission shall prohibit any corporation from
5 ~~terminating access to the services~~ *a connection* described in
6 subdivision (a) for nonpayment of any delinquent account or
7 indebtedness owed by the subscriber to the telephone corporation.
8 A subscriber and a telephone corporation may arrange payment
9 schedules to regain full service.

10 (c) The commission shall require telephone corporations to
11 inform subscribers of the availability of the services described in
12 subdivision (a) in a manner determined by the commission.

13 (d) This section shall not be construed to relieve any person of
14 an obligation to pay a debt owed to a telephone corporation.

15 (e) ~~Nothing in this~~ *This section not* shall require a local
16 telephone corporation to provide ~~“911” access pursuant to this~~
17 ~~section~~ *connections that have the capacity to place “911” calls* if
18 doing so would preclude providing service to subscribers of
19 residential telephone service.